

TITLE IV
PUBLIC ACCESS PROCEDURES
CHAPTER 21
MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY
[Prior to 5/31/89, see [490] Ch 5 and [223] Ch 13]

223—21.1(303) Function. The society operates a membership organization for the purpose of encouraging the study of Iowa history. Membership is open to all individuals and groups according to the policies and fee schedule established by the society. Life memberships are not available. Existing life members shall be serviced as provided in the original membership agreement.

223—21.2(303) Fees. Fees are charged for benefits and services provided to members. The membership program is administered by the Iowa Historical Foundation, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, telephone (515)281-8823.

223—21.3(303) Awards.

21.3(1) Purpose. The society shall make annual awards to individuals, groups, or organizations for the purpose of encouraging and rewarding contributions to the field of Iowa history; establishing an image of tradition and continuity; and creating a greater public and academic visibility for the society.

21.3(2) Award programs. Awards shall be made in four programs.

a. William J. Petersen/Edgar Harlan Award. This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has made significant long-term or continuing contributions to Iowa history. No more than one award shall be given annually.

b. Loren Horton community history award. This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has made a significant contribution to local history through a local history project during the previous calendar year. No more than one award shall be given annually. One certificate of recognition may be awarded in each of the following categories each year:

- (1) Program or event;
- (2) Volunteers;
- (3) Project in museum, library, archives, historic preservation, or education;
- (4) Research or publications;
- (5) Youth.

c. Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich Award. This award recognizes the author of the most significant article on Iowa history in a professional history journal during the previous calendar year. The board may give one award annually. Up to two certificates of recognition may be also awarded.

d. George Mills/Louise Noun Award. This award recognizes the author of the most significant illustrated article on an Iowa history topic published in a popular history periodical during the previous calendar year. The board may give one award annually. Up to two certificates of recognition may also be awarded.

e. Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award. This award recognizes the author of the most significant book published on Iowa history during the previous calendar year. The board may give one award annually. Up to two certificates of recognition may also be awarded.

21.3(3) Selection.

a. Committees. The chairperson of the society board of trustees shall appoint awards committees at the first meeting of the board held in each fiscal year. The nonvoting staff member on each committee shall be appointed by the administrator of the society to coincide with the other committee appointments. The term of office shall be one year.

(1) William J. Petersen/Edgar Harlan and Loren Horton awards committees. Nominations for these categories shall be reviewed by an awards committee composed of, at a minimum, three voting members, including at least one member of the society board of trustees. The committee shall also include one staff member of the society serving in a nonvoting capacity.

(2) Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich, George Mills/Louise Noun and Benjamin F. Shambaugh awards committees. Nominations for these categories shall be reviewed by awards committees

composed of, at a minimum, three voting members, including at least one member of the society board of trustees. The committees shall also include one staff member of the society serving in a nonvoting capacity.

b. Period of eligibility. Awards in the Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich, George Mills/Louise Noun, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, and Loren Horton categories shall be made for activities and publications produced during the calendar year prior to the nomination.

c. Call for nominations.

(1) William J. Petersen/Edgar Harlan Award. The public may nominate entries for the William J. Petersen/Edgar Harlan Award by mail. Nominators shall submit the name and address of the nominee and a detailed description of significant long-term or continuing contributions to Iowa history. Nominations must be postmarked by February 1 and must be submitted to the Administrator, State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the E-mail address posted on the State Historical Society of Iowa Web page: www.iowahistory.org.

(2) Loren Horton award. The public may nominate entries for the Horton award by mail. Required nomination papers for the Loren Horton award shall be obtained from the Administrator, State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. Nominations shall be postmarked by February 1 and shall be returned to the administrator at the society.

(3) Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich Award. The public may nominate articles for the Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich Award by mail. Nominators shall submit the title of the article, name of author, name and address of publication, and year of publication to the Administrator, State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the E-mail address posted on the State Historical Society of Iowa Web page: www.iowahistory.org.

(4) George Mills/Louise Noun Award. The public may nominate articles for the George Mills/Louise Noun Award by mail. Nominators shall submit the title of the article, name of author, name and address of publication, and year of publication to the Administrator, State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the E-mail address posted on the State Historical Society of Iowa Web page: www.iowahistory.org.

(5) Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award. The public may nominate entries for the Shambaugh Award by mail. Nominators shall submit the title of the book, name and address of author, name and address of publisher, and year of publication to the Editor, The Annals of Iowa, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52240-1806. Nominations may be submitted electronically to the E-mail address posted on the State Historical Society of Iowa Web page: www.iowahistory.org.

d. Number of nominations. The awards committees shall report no more than three nominations for each award program and category to the society board of trustees for final selection. The awards committees shall transmit nominations to the board prior to the regularly scheduled meeting which permits the board to act 30 days prior to an annual awards meeting.

e. Board ineligibility. No member of the board of trustees shall be eligible for nomination in any award category during the member's term as a trustee.

f. Voting. Selection in each category shall be by vote of the board of trustees in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 21 and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition. Evaluation shall be based on the criteria stated in 21.3(4). The society board of trustees reserves the right to decline any or all nominations based upon the awards criteria.

21.3(4) Criteria.

a. William J. Petersen/Edgar Harlan Award. Nominees shall have contributed a body of work advancing the preservation and interpretation of Iowa history. Each body of work shall be evaluated for significance, professionalism, and influence on Iowans' perceptions of themselves. These criteria shall be weighted equally.

b. Loren Horton award. Nominees shall have contributed a local history project that:

- (1) Increases awareness and appreciation for local or community history;
- (2) Encourages collaboration and support between individuals, groups, and the community;

- (3) Promotes future interest in the history of the community and continues to generate enthusiasm;
- (4) Shows a diverse base of support from the members of the community;
- (5) Provides long-term protection of community history, whether tangible or intangible; and
- (6) Demonstrates an effort to include all interested members of the community.

c. Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich Award. Each nominated article shall be evaluated on its contribution to knowledge about Iowa history, scholarship, readability, and appropriateness for the intended audience. These criteria shall be weighted equally.

d. George Mills/Louise Noun Award. Each nominated article shall be evaluated on its contribution to knowledge about Iowa history, scholarship, readability, and appropriateness for the intended audience. These criteria shall be weighted equally.

e. Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award. Each nominated book shall be evaluated on its contribution to knowledge about Iowa history, scholarship, readability, and appropriateness for the intended audience. These criteria shall be weighted equally.

21.3(5) Notification. Award recipients shall be notified by mail at least 21 days prior to an annual awards meeting.

21.3(6) Presentation. The award shall be presented by a member of the board of trustees at an annual awards meeting.

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